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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Robert A. Zeman

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-15, 20-23 and 25-51 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 16-19, 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Group I in the reply filed on 7-12-2007 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 1-51 are pending. Claims 9-15, 20-23 and 25-51 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Claims 1-8, 16-19 and 24 are currently under examination.

Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 4 are objected for referring to a figure. It is suggested that the claim be rewritten to reference the SEQ ID NO: engendered by said figure.

Claims 7 and 8 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim. Said claims would be allowable if presented in independent form.

Claim 24 is objected to because of the following informalities: Said claims recites language drawn to non-elected inventions. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 is rendered vague and indefinite by the use of the term "physiological conditions" It is unclear to what conditions said term is referring. On what physiology are said conditions being based? The cell? As written, it is impossible to determine the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6, 16-19 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ruben et al. (WO 00/35937).

Ruben et al. disclose an isolated polynucleotide that has 100% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO:1 over at least 500 base pairs (see SEQ ID NO:23 and the alignment set forth below). Said nucleic acid also contains a guanine in position 1 and contains both TATA and CCAATA boxes. Ruben et al. further said nucleic acids can be incorporated into vectors and host

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cells which can be used to recombinantly express the encoded polypeptide (see abstract and claims 7-10) or kits (see page 191, lines 18-20).

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Qy	8238	GCAGGGGCTTAGATGCTGCTGCGCCATCCCTTACCTGTCTGTTTCTGTTTCTCCTTCTGT	8297
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Qy	8418	AACATCAAGGAAGGCCACTGATTGATTGACAGTGTCTGGGTCAGATGTCTATCCTTAGGC	8477
Db	188	AACATCAAGGAAGGCCACTGATTGATTGACAGTGTCTGGGTCAGATGTCTATCCTTAGGC	247
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Qy	9558	TTTCTAGAGTCATCTTTATAAAACTTATACTCTCCGTATGACTCATAAACTCCTGTTTTTT	9617
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Qy	10278	GGCTTGAGAGATGGTGAGAAGGATGGAGGTGACTGTGGCTTGCACTCTATCCGTATCACT	10337
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[illegible]

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

SEQ ID NO:1 (full length) is free of the art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert A. Zeman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0866.


The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Thursday, 7am -5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Siew can be reached on (571) 272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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